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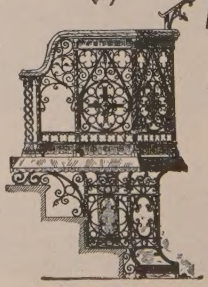

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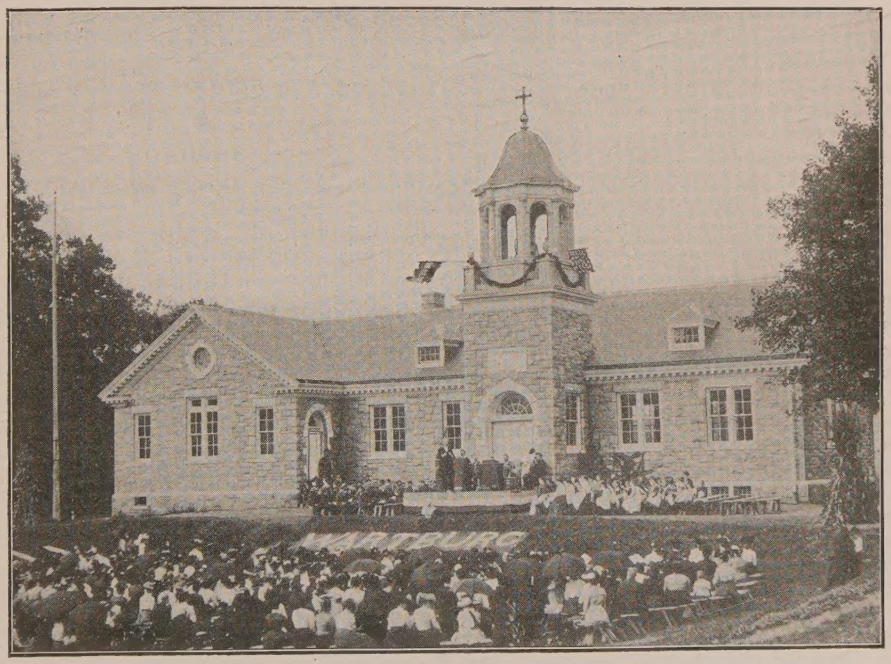
Wartburg Orphans' Farm School

By George D. Boschen

THERE is no Lutheran institution in the East which holds to so marked a degree the affection and love of our people as does the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School. It was a fortunate selection of name and site that was made by the founders of this home. Like the Wartburg of old, it stands on high ground, prominent and inviting, from which one surveys and sees the surrounding country. It has also another feature which reflects the old castle on the Rhine—like the truth that Luther sent out from the feudal fortress, so this new Wartburg implants within the hearts of its charges the tenets of our Lutheran Church, and more than that, it causes our Christian love to find a visible means of expression in the support. We can well imagine that no such grandeur as greets the visitor upon his arrival at the home was in the minds of those men whose faith, courage and liberality called it into being in 1866. The property had been occupied by the Five Points Mission as an Industrial Reformatory School up to the time of its purchase by the Lutherans. Prominent among these was the venerable Dr. Passavant, to whose faith our Lutheran charities throughout the country owe so much; the late Peter Moller and J. A. Roebling (the architect of the Brooklyn Bridge), who raised and furnished the necessary funds for the purchase of the grounds and the erection of buildings. These grounds cover



THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Built on the site of the old chapel and school house recently destroyed by fire. The value of this building is $12,000, and it was dedicated at the recent Harvest Home Day celebration.

an area of over 100 acres, from which the institution secures most if not all of its food supplies.

The home is a distinctively Lutheran institution, for although neither creed nor nationality are made a condition of reception, yet those children that are received are educated in the Lutheran Faith. It was also the expressed wish of the founders and a requirement of its charter from the beginning that it should not belong to any particular synod, but remain under the control of the whole Lutheran Church, and its distinction in this respect is unique in that it numbers among its Board of Trustees laymen from churches connected with the three large general bodies in this country. All are representative merchants or pastors of this Greater New York, who devote themselves with great enthusiasm to its interests. It is a striking fact that is exemplified by the life and actions of its former presidents, Messrs. Charles Hauselt and Geo. H. Möller, that this institution was almost as dear to them as their own homes. And it seems to win and to grow upon the love and affection of all those who have to do with its control. In its career it has had but two directors, the present incumbent, Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier, and the late Rev. G. C. Holls. Both men were eminently qualified for their position, "Hausvater." And in mentioning the "Hausvater" we must not overlook its helpmate, the "Hausmutter," Mrs. Berkemeier, who shares the burdens and cares, the joys and sorrows of her husband in the supervision of their large family. For the children are made to feel that they are members of one large family and not inmates of an institution. And this is the home's strong point. The children look up to Director Berkemeier and his wife as to father and mother, and the most affectionate relations exist between them. It is also related that when the late Charles Hauselt was at its head many of the children called him grandpa, owing to his snow white beard and venerable appearance, believing that he must surely have that relation to them if the director and his wife were their father and mother.

Every effort is made to give the children a thorough religious and secular education fitting them for the duties of this life and preparing them for the better home in heaven. The plan of each day is so arranged that work and recreation are duly proportioned. After school hours the girls are thoroughly instructed in the different household duties, such as washing, ironing, cooking, baking, sewing and mending. The boys, on the other hand, find occupation in the garden and field, or in the printing house connected with the home.

Under these influences the "twig is bent," the sapling grows up to its full growth and the child is prepared to face the storms and trials of life, with the knowledge that to them there is one spot on earth to which they can turn and from which fresh inspiration can be drawn.

This is the bright and exalted ideal kept in view by those conducting this work. After confirmation, but never before, the children (the boys at 15 and the girls at 16) are placed in suitable situations; but they still retain their connection with the institution after their departure, and whenever sick or in need of care and rest, they find a refuge in their old home, the Wartburg.

The total number of children at the home is 245, of which 210 are orphans and 35 half orphans. The development of the Wartburg is not confined only to the orphans, but in recent years an old peoples' home has been added, bringing the total number of buildings up to ten, and the value of the property close to a quarter of million dollars.

Autumn

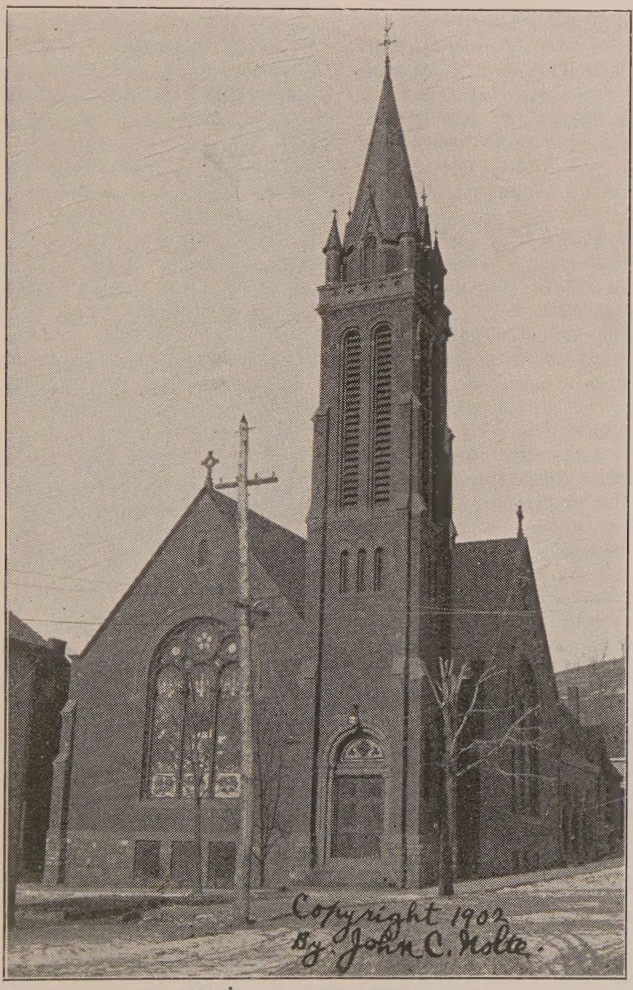
There are no shams in nature; every flower is real, each blade of grass is replete with life, and each song of the woodland is a talisman of sincerity. It is related that when Phidias was laboring upon the statue of Diana, he was advised to give less care to that portion of the work that would be least seen. The story is that he was chiseling carefully the folds of hair on the rear of the head, when a workman of the vulgar class, who never do anything thoroughly, said to him: "Do you not know that the statue is to be placed more a hundred feet above the eye of man and is to stand with the back to the marble wall, and who will ever know the work you put there?" "The gods will know," the artist replied. The name of the vulgar workman has perished from the earth, while the name of him who did good work because it was his pleasure has become immortal. We think the song of the workman is lost in the confusion of wheels and clatter of machinery, but not so; he who sings at his work writes the joyfulness of the song upon the face of the task. Nature not only works carefully and thoroughly, but in perfect time and order as well. The frosts of autumn and the snows of winter are useful in their season, but what havoc they would do in late spring or summer! Man ought to learn to take hold of the issues of life with timeliness and in season. The work that should be done in the spring time if neglected until January will be entirely useless.—G. H. Simmons.

Luther League of Pennsylvania

Ninth Convention, at Lewistown, Oct. 30-31

By Rev. Geo. C. Loos

THE ninth annual convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Pa., Rev. M. S. Cressman, D.D., pastor, October 30-31, 1902. While in point of numbers the gathering was smaller than former meetings of this body, the positive good accruing from this convention probably marks the highest level thus far reached by the Lutheran young people's movement in the Keystone State. The central location of Lewistown, the meeting place, rendered it easily accessible to delegates from both the eastern and western portions of the State, thus making the convention a more representative one than is often the case; the absence of metropolitan distractions kept the Leaguers together; the weather was fair and bracingly cool; the grade of papers and address was such as to arouse enthusiasm; the discussions were moderate in temper and eminently profitable to the hearers; the business marked a distinct advance in the work undertaken; the choice of the convention topic, "Work—where, what, when, who, why," was timely, and the significance of the gathering on Reformation Day manifold.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LEWISTOWN
Where the Convention Was Held

President A. Raymond of Reading opened the convention in form on Thursday afternoon, October 30, at 2.30. The devotional service was led by Revs. Dr. Fisher of Shamokin and Graham of Tarentum, at the conclusion of which the pastor of the convention church, Dr. Cressman, welcomed the delegates in a cordial and eloquent address. President Bard responded for the League, and then presented his annual report. This document showed that a really vast amount of work had been done by the officers and committees during the year, placing the organization in touch with every Lutheran pastor in the State, and resulting in a condition of equipment probably never before reached in Pennsylvania League work. Among his other suggestions the president urged that the Extension Committee, one of the most important in the organization, be encouraged and supported in its efforts, especially by the local Leagues and centrals. He pointed out that many new Leagues had been organ-

ized as a result of this committee's labors, and maintained that the whole future of the State League depends largely on this department's work during the next few years.

The Extension Committee, through its chairman, Dr. Reimensnyder, reported that several thousand booklets, published by the committee, had been sent to the Lutheran pastors and young people's societies of the State.

Mrs. Peter Altpeter of Catawissa in a paper on Work—What? struck the keynote of the convention. After referring to the League's motto and tracing briefly the history of the young people's movement in the Church, she proceeded to develop the thought of the topic, pointing out that the work of the League should be, first, proper organiation under the careful direction of pastors; second, the proclaiming of our principles as taught in the Augsburg Confession; third, the formation and equipment of various committees within the League for distinctive work; and last, a nice balance of concentration and differentiation.

Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D.D., of Milton presented the topic, Work—Where? The speaker argued that, inasmuch as work is of divine origin, and man is physically, mentally and spiritually fitted for work, he is intended for work; that He who gave the facilities and forces gave also the field for work, and, according to the Master, the field is the world. To the young, who have the vigor, especially comes the commission to work. Our greatest work should be in the greatest sphere, the Kingdom, not confining ourselves merely to the physical and mental. The Lord Himself set the example, and He wrought in many fields, wherever opportunity was afforded.

In connection with the beautiful vesper service at the evening session a stirring address was delivered by J. M. Rommel, Esq., of Philadelphia, in which he pleaded for systematic methods of work, illustrating his plea with references to the splendid system in the business and political worlds, and demanding for the Church's well-being at least the methods if not the motives used in those spheres.

A paper on Work—When?, prepared by Rev. S. A. B. Shopp of Doylestown was read by W. C. Stoever, Esq., of Philadelphia. He said: "There is work to be done. It is ours to do. There is time within which to do it. But it will not wait our convenience. The subject indicates the value of time and the Luther League's golden opportunity. God help us to realize with Browning, that while He's in His heaven, all's right with the world, and then to go forward with a cheerful optimism. When are we to work? In God's own time, which is our time. It is not ours to be wasted, not ours for the attainment of merely selfish ends, not ours for foolish pleasure. It is ours only in so far as we realize that it is God's, given us to be used in His way. We are stewards of time, as of other talents. Life at best is short. Its opportunities, great, golden pregnant with promise and possibility, come not too often."

At the third session, on Friday morning, the Treasurer, George W. Zimmerman of Collegeville, reported a balance of $196.24. The Statistical Secretary, D. W. Shollenberger of Montgomery, showed that there were in connection with the League 18 centrals, 330 locals and 18,791 members, an approximate increase of 10 per cent. over the status of 1901. The Muhlenberg Memorial Committee, charged at the Norristown convention, in 1900, with the duty of raising funds for the erection of a statue to the patriarch of American Lutheranism, reported by placing before the convention a miniature cast of the proposed statue. On the completion of the plans and the realizing of a sufficient sum the statue will be erected at the Trappe, Pa., the scene of many of the great preacher's labors.

George D. Peters of Spring City discussed the topic, "Work—Who?" There are, he said, divers classes of church members. First, those who can but will not work. The Church needs positive Christians, not those who are lukewarm. The soul must not satisfy itself with mere emotions. Indifference is one of the most powerful factors of the devil. Second, there are those who would, but cannot, do active work. Some are prevented by sickness. Some have passive Christian graces. Third, there are those who can and will work. They are a powerful factor in the advancement of the Kingdom. They are the salt of the earth. Foremost are the missionaries. Their spirit must be ours at home, the spirit of love.

Rev. M. L. Young, Ph.D., of Cumberland, Md., spoke on "Work—Why?" He gave as his reasons for working, love, than which there is no higher motive; salvation, for as Satan is at work we must be active.

The election of officers at the fourth session, Friday afternoon, resulted as follows: Pres., A. Raymond Bard, Reading; rec. sec., Mrs. E. R. Flotto, Myersdale; stat. sec., D. W. Shollenberger, Montgomery; cor. sec., Miss Ida Zinser, Philadelphia; treas., F. P. D. Miller, Columbia. The business of the convention closed with the passing of a series of resolutions and the acceptance of an invitation from the Reading Central to hold the convention of 1903 in that city.

A thoughtful paper on the Junior League was read at this session by Mrs. J. W. Lake of Montgomery. She showed that, while the sphere of the Junior League seems to be rather narrow, because of the limitations in age and intelligence of its members, yet, like the philosopher's garden, it is very high, reaching to the very throne of God. As first impressions are lasting, those made by God's Word upon children convert an abstract religion into a reality, a thing of everyday life. The Junior League supplies a frequently missing link between the child's home training and the pastoral training for confirmation.

A largely attended Reformation service on Friday evening, October 31, closed the convention. Rev. W. J. Miller of Greensburg in an eloquent address answered the question, "Why a Lutheran Church?" In these days, he said, there seems to be but little place for the Nazarene and His teachings. It is a day, not of the Golden Rule, but of the rule of gold. Even among Christians the spirit of the outside world has come. There are several reasons why there is a Lutheran Church. One is because God Almighty created her. She came into existence at His command just as truly as the light came into existence at His command. We cannot understand the events of the sixteenth century unless we see God in them. It was not only chance that led the three great Powers, Emperor, Pope, Elector, so to dispose their forces that the little fire was allowed to burn. It was not only chance that Luther came to work as he did, equipped as he was. Another reason why there is a Lutheran Church is because God gave her a mission to present an open Bible to every one, to brush the dust off Church service, to bring back Jesus Christ, to proclaim justification by faith and the right of private judgment. That was in the sixteenth century, and if she had a mission then, she has one now. It is her duty to step into the arena, draw her sword and defend the Bible as much now as then. She must preach Christ as against all idolatry and Mariolatry as much now as then. She must proclaim justification by a living faith as opposed to the possibility of salvation by dead works as much now as then. She must defend the liberty of private judgment as much now as then, for our liberties are based on Luther. She has the same duties now as then, differing only in their form.

The last address of the convention was delivered by Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D., Lafayette Hill. He said in part: To travel back over the pathway trodden by the intrepid monk is an inspiration, even a Pentecost. Luther found the key to the lost Paradise of Gospel truth, not in penances and self-mortification, but in faith in the mercy of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. No greater movement than the Reformation has ever taken place since the Advent of Christ. It was a movement primarily looking to the exaltation of the teachings of the Man of Galilee. It was a movement against the commercialism of the time, which had laid its vulgar and sordid touch upon the most sacred things. It was a movement which opened the doors to the Church for larger and wider dominions. "In the course of a few decades it wrested the northern part of Europe from the Papacy. Protestantism is almost universal." In view of our great history and our grand institutions it becomes us to maintain and proclaim the principles of the Reformation and to support the Church which has done so much for this world.

Gems of Thought From the Convention

So much to do; so little accomplished.—Cecil Rhodes and J. M. Rommel.

Nothing goes by itself, unless it goes down hill.—Provost Harrison and Dr. Reimensnyder.

Skeptics and scoffers say that the best way to become a nonentity is by joining the Church.—G. D. Peters.

We are to work, not in order to be saved, but because we have been saved.—Dr. Young.

Everywhere, even in Paradise, is our work.—Reimensnyder.

If we must give account for every idle word spoken in life, we must surely likewise give account for every idle moment spent.—Rev. Shopp.

A Buddhist priest charges against us that "Christianity is merely an adornment of society in America."—Peters.

It is not the work, nor the sphere of activity, that make the worker good and true, but the motive and the purpose with which the work is done.—Young.

The youth can possibly best be reached by youth: hence, the Luther League.—Reimensnyder.

God never does anything haphazard.—Peters.

We shall never need to give account for the days of the generations gone by, nor for the days that shall be after we go hence, but only for these present passing days.—Shopp.

We are saved to save.—Young.

Let Christ get the child's heart, and He has the man and woman in advance.—Mrs. J. W. Lake.

Book Notes

HENRY MELCHIOR MUHLENBERG, PATRIARCH OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA. By Rev. William K. Frick, D.D. Pp. 200. 40 cents. Lutheran Publication Society, 1424 Arch street, Philadelphia.

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Perhaps no book has been more neglected than the Revelation. So Mr. Morgan believes, noting that the usual title, "The Revelation of St. John the Divine," is misleading in that John "did not receive it by the Spirit, but directly from Jesus Christ." The book therefore contains the last messages of Christ to men. Yet no book has caused more controversy than this same neglected Revelation. The present volume is not concerned with the general controversy, but with the messages to the Seven Churches. These are considered as epistles to actual churches and as having perpetual application to some phases of Church life. The book briefly looks at St. John's vision and then the seven epistles are examined in an endeavor to gather their message to the age in which we live. Needless to say, out of these seven letters to the churches Mr. Morgan, with his searching insight and power of expression, has wrought with clearness of interpretation and powerful practicality.

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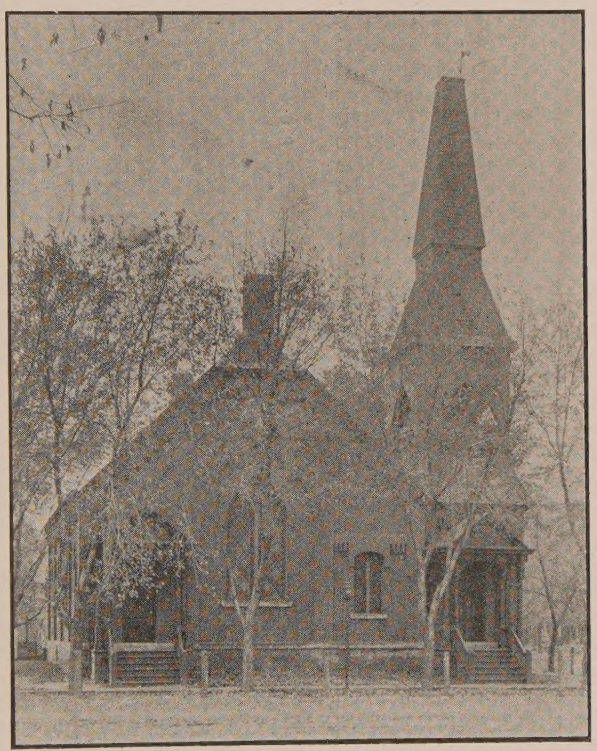
Luther League of Kansas

Eighth Annual Convention, at Abilene, Oct. 20-22

By Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D.

THE convention was held in the Lutheran Church of Abilene, Kan., October 20-22. The pastor, Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, and his people had made ample provision for the entertainment of the delegates, and gave them a cordial reception. Abilene is a beautiful town on the wide, bounding prairie. All the sessions were varied with excellent music on the part of local singers and several visitors.

At the opening meeting the words of welcome were gracefully spoken by Miss Grace Kugler, and the response was made by the president of the League. Then followed the convention address by Hon. Frank Nelson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who displayed a fraternal spirit, and advocated some measures that may increase the working power of the State League and add to its numbers.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ABILENE

Where Sessions Were Held

The enrollment of delegates the next morning showed that this was one of the best attended State conventions that have yet been held in Kansas. The meeting of the Kansas Synod in the neighboring town of Salina the week before made it possible for quite a number of the members of that body to stop off at Abilene and attend the Luther League meeting.

After the order of business, the first thing done was to give the convention its high keynote in an address by Rev. Dr. Peter Bergstresser, so well known in the Lutheran Church. He did this in a most thorough manner in his discussion of the theme, "Spiritual Development," in insisting first on faith and regeneration and then on growth in grace and knowledge. This address was followed by a spirited free parliament on "How to Make the Young People's Meeting Effective."

The greater part of the afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of "The House of God," under three heads: "Love and Reverence," by Ada Livers, whose paper was read by Mrs. C. N. Swihart; "Participation in the Service," by Ira Koogle, and "The Chief Object of the Church Service," by Rev. H. A. Ott. It can easily be seen that these were fresh and suggestive subjects, and all of the papers were packed with thought. Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., of Kansas City, Mo., then delivered a stirring address on "The Loyal Lutheran," in which he showed that the loyal Lutheran is such because he knows enough about his Church, her history, doctrines and spirit, to love her devotedly and give himself to her service with the intensity of conviction.

The Tuesday evening meeting was given up to the discussion of the sacraments, Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D.D., of Sedalia, Mo., expounding the Lutheran doctrine in a masterly way, and Rev. R. B. Wolf of Eureka, Kan., vividly showing the need of the faithful observance of the sacraments.

The remainder of the programme was crowded into the next forenoon, for the reason that the speakers for the evening sent

word during the convention that they could not be present, and many of the brethren felt that they had been away from their pastorates so long that they could not remain for the entire time set apart for the convention. This made the forenoon session one of the best and most inspiring sessions we have ever attended. First came the paper by Rev. Henry Zimmerman of Emporia on "Advantages of Denominational Young People's Societies." It had a true ring, and the arguments were sound, yet it breathed only the most gentle and fraternal spirit. It surely was good enough to be printed.

In a brief but comprehensive paper, Mrs. L. S. Keyser of Atchison set forth "The Object of Junior Leagues," which is to furnish a connecting link in the spiritual development and Lutheran training of the young. One of the brightest papers of the meeting was that by Rev. C. N. Swihart of Peabody, Kan., on "Luther League Literature for Loyal Lutherans." He did not fail to show young people of our Church why they should study the Luther League Topics and read the REVIEW, the various booklets issued under its auspices, and the excellent books of the reading courses.

A suggestive paper was read by Rev. I. B. Heisey of Waterville, Kan., under the title, "The Lutheran Church's Greatest Need in the West." Taking his own locality as a typical place, he argued that the greatest need was the cultivation of a fraternal spirit among all the branches of the Lutheran Church represented in the State. Surely if there could be such unity, the cause of Lutheranism would present a phalanx of great strength to the enemies of religion. May the day speedily come. It will approach most speedily by laying the chief emphasis on the essential things in doctrine and worship and life that we have in common, and saying as little as truth will permit about the non-essential things that still keep us apart.

The discussions of the convention were fittingly closed by an address on "The Grace of Giving," by Rev. A. B. Shrader of Lawrence, Kan. We did not hear this address, but knowing the speaker as we do, we are morally certain that it contained much food for thought.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Rev. A. M. L. Herenius, Topeka Kan., pres.; Miss Josephine Maedel, Kansas City, Mo., sec., and Miss Cora Ekblad, Mariadahl, Kan., treas. The Executive Committee is as follows: Revs. H. A. Ott and Fuller Bergstresser, and Mr. A. Andre.

A Prayer for the Tenth of November

"O God, who art the refuge and strength of thy people, a very present help in trouble, we give thee hearty thanks for thy servants whom thou didst raise up in the days of old, to testify boldly against the corruption of thy faith and the misdoing of false and lying priests; and we beseech thee that the same spirit of holy zeal and courage may rest upon thy servants who are now called to preach thy truth, that so, though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, we shall not fear, but shall be still and know that thou art God; grant this, O Lord, for the love of thy truth, and the glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!"

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Luther League Topics

First Week in Advent. Nov. 30, 1902.

The Bible: Divisions and Books

Ps. 119. 129-144

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is the use of memorizing the books of the Bible? What lessons may we learn from a comparison of the relative number of historical books in the Old and in the New Testaments, of prophetical books, etc.? What is the story of the whole Bible, continuously told? (Give a little fuller outline than in topic.)

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *It is our duty to know all that we can about the Bible.* And this is a very practical topic, which deals with some of the elemental and fundamental knowledge that every Christian should have at his tongue's end. Little use to have a library if you do not know at least what books it contains and where to find them when you need to refer to them. Even this is of little use if the title of the book does not convey to your mind some definite idea of what you may find therein. And in this most wonderful library, containing 66 books, which we call the Bible, how may Christians find themselves at home? What a sad spectacle when, in the midweek service, or at other times, the people are asked to turn to Habakkuk, or to Philemon, to see the pages fluttered now backward, now forward, while the painful pause grows longer, until, at last, some fortunate one is able to read the reference. Even the demands of culture require that we should know the Bible, its contents and its arrangement. But how much more imperative to us the fact that this is from cover to cover our Father's message to us! How great the neglect and despite to Him if we have never even cared enough for His gift to acquaint ourselves with its mere externalities!

2. *The Old Testament includes the time of* preparation, the New Testament of fulfillment. Seventeen books of the Old Testament are essentially books of history, the story of how God led and prepared His people for the great gift of redemption through Jesus Christ. Seventeen more are essentially books of prophecy, foretelling in prophetic incident, and word, the times of deliverance to come. Five books are devoted especially to direct teaching, didactic in substance, poetic in form. But when we come to the New Covenant we find but five books which are chiefly concerned with the history, the Gospels with the story of Christ, the Acts with the story of the infant Church. Only one book is found to carry on the prophetic vision to the end of the age. And 21 books, out of the 27 in the New Testament, are given to the teaching of the principles of the Gospel of Christ and with their practical application to the life of Christians. A mere glance at the list of titles and groups suffices to show the prominent distinctions between the Old and the New. The dawn has passed, the full noontime has come. Let us walk in the light!

Second Week in Advent. Dec. 7, 1902.

The Law: Its Work

Gal. 3: 19-24

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

What do we mean by the Law? What kinds of law are there, and what is our relation to these distinctions in the Scriptures? Can we be saved by the deeds of the Law? What are the uses of the Law?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *The discrimination between Law and Gospel is a most important one.* Luther lays great stress upon it. There is a simple threefold test. Whatever in the Scriptures tells of our doing pertains to Law. Whatever tells of God's doing for us or to us pertains to Gospel. The only proper and adequate response to Law is obedience. The only proper and adequate response to Gospel, believing. The effect of the hearing of the Law is conviction of sin and the pangs of conscience. The effect of hearing the Gospel with faith is peace of heart and rest in the Lord.

This is a distinction within the Scriptures, and is thus contrasted with the distinction of Old and New Testament, which is an external, historical division of the Bible. Though it is true that the Law is characteristic of the Old Testament and the Gospel of the New, yet there is much of the Gospel in the Old, and much of the Law (especially in its didactic use) in the New.

But the chief thing to remember is that we should not misapply either the Law or the Gospel. To the unrepentant sinner, the preaching of the Gospel is like throwing pearls before swine. He neither appreciates nor can rightly reverence or accept it. To him the thunders of Sinai! For him the plowshare of the Law, breaking up the dry, hard soil of self-righteousness. For him the diagnosis of his sin-sickness, the revealing, which the Law alone can give, of the symptoms of disease and death which are in him. Only when he feels his sickness does he care for the physician and for the remedy. Those who have most deeply suffered

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the work of the Law, like Augustine and Luther, have most joyfully and profitably received the Gospel of God's free grace. How very much of our popular preaching to-day lacks the serious, stern denunciation of sin, and seeks to salve with the Gospel, untimely used, the sores that should be cut out with the surgeon's knife. We have fallen upon days of sentimental religionism. Let us follow the divine plan, and when the Law has done its work, then only hold up the sinner's Saviour as the bringer of peace!

Third Week in Advent. Dec. 14, 1902.

Mission Work of the Ohio Synod

Rev. xiv: 6-7

Missionary Topic reviewed by Rev. G. M. Schmucker, Canton, Ohio

The mission work of this synod has been confined almost entirely to our home fields. Ever since its organization in 1818 it has been struggling with the immigration problem, and laboring to gather into organized congregations the foreigners who have sought homes in our land. The appeals of this home work have appeared to be the more urgent from the fact that the synod has been a frontier body, and has, therefore, been among the first to hear the appeals from the immigrants. As its name indicates it was organized in Ohio, and all its congregations of the time of its organization were located in the State. But the State was only 15 years old at the date of this synodical organization, and the congregations were nothing more than frontier missions. As the center of population of the United States has moved westward it has carried the population of this synod with it, so that now it is no longer confined to Ohio, but has a great bulk of its population west of the Mississippi River, where it is still engaged in this frontier work. Another reason why this synod has concentrated its energies on this work is because of race sympathy. While it embraces many English-speaking congregations the German language largely predominates, and the appeals of the German immigrants would be heard above all others. Following is a brief table of the home mission work of this synod; Number of missions, 75; number of missionaries, 67; number of States, 23; number of communicants, 5,099; amount accumulated in Church Extension Fund, $31,507.38. Paid in salaries $15,000 annually. While this synod has as yet no foreign mission field of its own, it has been contributing to foreign missions ever since its beginning. Her contributions have all gone through the hands of the Hermansburg Mission Board of Germany, and have mostly been applied to that board's African missions. The contributions for this cause have been about $4,000 per year. At the last meeting of synod, held at Fort Wayne, 1902, it was resolved to request Hermansburg to give one of its African stations over to the care of this synod. A small beginning has been made also in Persia, where a door was providentially opened. Baba N. Shabaz, a convert from the Nestorian faith of Persia, came to be educated in Capital University. After his graduation he expressed a desire to preach in his native land, and Christ Congregation of Columbus resolved to call and maintain him in this work. By the blessing of God he has built a church there, and is preaching the Gospel with much success. It is most probable that this individual work will be assumed by synod at its next meeting two years hence.

The synod has made a small beginning in missions among the negroes. There are now two small missions controlled and supported by the Negro Mission Board, the one in Baltimore, Md., and the other in North Carolina. Both missions are efficiently served by negro pastors. A negro boy, a son of Rev. Nathan Carter of Baltimore, and a very talented young man, is now being educated by the synod, and will be prepared to do work also among the negroes.

4th Week in Advent. December 21, 1902.

Theodore Fliedner

Acts vi: 5-8

Historical Topic reviewed by Prof. Adolph Spaeth, LL.D.

In view of the fact that hitherto all nursing of the sick and the poor had been done by the Roman Catholic Church, Fliedner made a new departure by calling Protestant volunteers to the front, being fully persuaded that Protestant Christian women would be equally able and willing to nurse the sick and care for the needy. That talent only required to be awakened, and individuals would not be wanting. Then institutions must be established, in which unmarried women should be trained for the care of the poor, the sick, the prisoners, etc., and such institutions be associated together in a close community. These ideas he was determined to put into practice, being greatly strengthened and encouraged by his brave and devoted wife, Friederike Muenster, whom he had married in 1828. At first, however, he thought it unadvisable to locate such an influential Institution in the out-of-the-way little town of Kaiserswerth. But wherever he approached the clergy of the more important places his request was denied. Thus he became finally assured that the Lord intended to lay this work upon his own shoulders. On the 30th of May, 1836, the regula-

tions for the Rhenish Westphalia Deaconess Union, drawn up by Fliedner, were signed in the house of Count Stolberg in Duesseldorf. The largest and finest house in Kaiserswerth was bought. On the 13th of October it was opened, with the scantiest furnishings, without patient, without Deaconess. A week afterward the first Deaconess arrived, Gertrude Reichert, the daughter of a physician. The first patient of the first Evangelical Deaconess House was a Roman Catholic servant maid. At first the inhabitants of Kaiserswerth rose against the work. The Romish clergy stirred up opposition. One of the physicians of the town terrified the people with frightful prophecies of plague-stricken and cholera patients, etc., whose pestilent atmosphere would soon turn the whole place into a great Lazaretto. Nevertheless the work took its quiet course, in calm and steady development. God's blessing rested upon it. Even at that early period a detailed house-order and rules of service were prepared for the Sisters, treating with equal care the spiritual and technical aspects of their calling. Here we have the basis of that house-order after which most of the Mother Houses are patterned. It embodies the fundamental principles of the Protestant Deaconess work of to-day, and is replete with wisdom and thought. In all this Fliedner's wife was his chief helper. In regard to rules, dress and other regulations, the right method had to be found, and her clear insight, sanctified by the Spirit of grace, preserved him from mistakes. To the domestic virtues of cleanliness, order, simplicity and economy she united a large-hearted tenderness toward all who needed help; and again, with almost masculine energy, she knew how to resist the abuse of ministering love. To the Deaconesses she was at once a mother and an example, and her name deserves most honorable mention in the history of the Protestant Female Diaconate. When the Lord called her to His rest, on April 22, 1842, Fliedner wrote "She died first of all the Deaconesses. As like a mother she walked before her spiritual daughters in life, so in death she preceded them."

Now a few words on the rapid development of Fliedner's work. Already in January, 1838, the Mother House was able to send out the first Deaconess to the City Hospital in Elberfeld. In 1842 the Seminary for teachers of Little Children's Schools was added, opening that wide and important field for Teaching Sisters. In 1847 the Central Deaconess House, Bethanien, was completed in Berlin, from the plans of King Frederick William IV. The Superior, Marianne von Rantzau, and nine Sisters who undertook its management, had been trained at Kaiserswerth. Besides these, already the year before the German Hospital in London had procured Deaconesses from Kaiserswerth. By 1850 most of the prominent cities of Europe had their Deaconess Houses, among them Paris, Strasburg, Dresden, Breslau, Koenigsberg, Stettin. In 1851 the work began to spread into the far East, Jerusalem, Constantinople, Smyrna, Alexandria, Beirut and Cairo becoming stations of the Kaiserswerth Mother House.

Fleidner's last words were characteristic of the man and his work. "We are burning lights," he said, "and we can only shine as long as we are being consumed." And the very last that was heard from his lips: "It is a shame that I should be sleeping, but I am so tired." Most appropriately did his son-in-law and successor, Pastor Julius Disselhoff, take for his funeral text the passage, I Cor. 15: 10: "By the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all. Yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me."

If we attempt to point out as briefly as possible the secret of the wonderful success which crowned the life work of this man of God, we can find no better presentation of the spirit that animated him, and that constituted the true force of his character, than the well-known words of John the Baptist, which are generally found inscribed under Fliedner's picture: "He must increase, but I must decrease." This was, indeed, the motto of his life. Not, however, in the sense of a meditative, quietistic mysticism, but as the impelling force of an active, untiring, systematic service of his Lord and Master. To Fliedner's mind the true way for the "increase" of his Lord was the exhibition on his own part of the spirit of unselfish Diakonia—ministering love. By this spirit the world was to be overcome, and to be laid at the feet of Him Who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. If the Lord's cause should thus increase, he was perfectly willing himself to "decrease." His personal honor, advantage and comfort were utterly forgotten and set aside in such service.

The Mother House is altogether Fliedner's own original idea. In this Institution all his plans for the organization of the ministry of love took practical shape. He did not take its pattern from the female diaconate in the days of the Apostles, or of the early Church. Nor did he find its type in the Sis-

ters of Charity of the Roman Catholic Church, or in the Mennonite Deaconesses of Holland. Fliedner's Mother House is not copied from any previous organization. It is purely original with him. It was a remarkably happy conception by which the idea of "association" received due recognition, while the restoration of the Deaconesses' office as such implied a going back to the Apostolic era. If anything of permanent value is to be attained by the ministry of Deaconesses, it needs strict organization and supervision under the rules of a firmly established and well arranged association—that is, the Mother House. Everywhere in Europe this pattern has been adopted, and it has stood the test of 64 years. We rejoice to see that our Lutheran Church in America shows its wisdom and conservatism by a faithful adherence to the Mother House type for her Deaconess' work.

It is of the utmost importance, in conclusion, that we should realize our great responsibility as a Church, as the Church of the pure Word and Sacraments, toward the cause of the Deaconesses. The work has come to us, not of our own seeking, but under a special Providence of God, which laid it at our doors in such a manner that here indeed, if ever, we may literally speak of a "manifest destiny." Our Dorcas and Young People's Societies ought to be particularly interested in it, not simply nor chiefly as a new attractive theme of information and entertainment, but as a matter of practical and personal devotion. If any healthy and permanent results are to come from the Luther League movement in our Church, I am convinced that it can only be on the basis of a correct understanding of the Scriptural Diaconate, the ministry of love and mercy as a helpmate to the ministry of the Word. Let the hopeful and gratifying zeal and anxiety of our young people to do something for their Church be directed into this channel. Let their eyes be opened and their hearts be inspired in view of their boundless opportunities in the field of ministering love. Let them study such a life as that of Theodore Fliedner, and then, without many words, go to work; present themselves as a living sacrifice, to serve their Lord, and their Church, in persons of the least of His brethren.

Christmas. December 28, 1902.

The Prince of Peace

Isa. ix : 6-7

Biblical topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers: Why is this the most marvelous birth? What is the office of the Prince of Peace? How is He to accomplish His office? What practical lessons may we learn?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *Let us rejoice that prophecy has so clearly foretold the unique characteristics of our Saviour.* Isaiah tells of the birth of a child, a son of man. And it is of the child that the words are spoken, "His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." The child is the Mighty God. There is the doctrine of the incarnation, definite, positive, unmistakable. To no other could the description possibly be applied. There has never been another child who was the Mighty God. The human and divine natures are explicitly recognized, in this prophetic vision, many centuries before the Babe was born in Bethlehem, at whose advent Heaven rang with songs of praise, while shepherds, who had heard the song, went to verify the strange and precious message. Even the humiliation of the Lord, the marvelous contrast between the seen and the unseen, in His first appearance upon earth, seems to be foreshadowed in the passage before us. Not merely is a man to be called the Mighty God, but it is a *child* who bears the names unparalleled. Clearer than Isaiah saw it, the story of the manger in David's city has revealed to us the divine condescension involved in the fulfillment of the promise of the God-man, and we look upon the helpless, human babe, and bow in reverence at the mystery which has enwrapped in the tiny form the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

2. *Thank God for the gift of peace.* It is found in Christ. His Name is "Prince of Peace." The angel song told, at His coming, of "peace to acceptable men." To him who is "accepted in the Beloved" there is peace. No more struggle against God. Peace between the just and the unjust, because in Christ we are justified, and "being justified by faith we have peace." Peace in the time of storms, because we are in Him who said to the winds and the waves, "Peace, be still," and the great calm came. The "peace of God that passeth understanding" is ours if we dwell under the benign rule of the Prince of Peace. Peace be unto you!

Is it not better for all to do as the *pastor* advises instead of each claiming the right to do as he pleases. The sad state of some is that they will not do any thing urged by the pastor, and his work is unsuccessful because of unwilling hearers.

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First Sunday in Advent. Nov. 30, 1902.

The Bible: Its Divisions and Books

(Ps. 119 : 129-144)

Which five Books of the Old Testament did Moses write? Which three did Solomon write? Which two did Jeremiah write? Who wrote the Psalms? Name the twelve Historical Books, beginning with Joshua. Then the five Poetical Books. Then the five Greater Prophets. Finally, the twelve Minor Prophets. What Book comes just before Numbers, Ezra, Psalms, Isaiah, Amos, Zechariah?

In the New Testament what Books did St. Paul write? Which five did St. John write? Which two did St. Luke write? How many did St. Peter write? Which Book comes just before Luke, Romans, Galatians, Titus, James, Revelation?

Second Sunday in Advent. Dec. 7, 1902.

The Law: Its Work

(Gal. 3 : 19-24)

Where were the Ten Commandments given? Who received them from the hand of God? On what had He written them? Where were these afterward kept? When He spoke them to the people with His own voice, before writing them, what fearful sights and sounds were witnessed? Was it needful that the people should be made to feel the awful majesty and power of God? Is it needful for us to remember that God is just and righteous as well as gracious and loving? Is it possible that any impenitent sinner can ever bear to stand in God's holy presence? Would heaven be a place of happiness for a wicked soul? In whom do we trust for complete forgiveness, so that God is our reconciled Father? Why should we be glad that God has given the Christmas gift of His only Son? How ought we treat the Commandments of such a Father? Does anybody ever bring harm on himself by obeying them? Did any body ever gain lasting good by disobeying them? Can you say with the Psalmist, "Lord, I love Thy law"? Do you obey from slavish fear or from your own free will and choice?

Third Sunday in Advent. Dec. 14, 1902.

Missionary Topic

(Rev. 14 : 6, 7)

Theme: The Mission Problem of this New Century

Everybody ought to draw for himself or herself an enlarged copy of this missionary globe, painting each of its sections in a distinct color of its own to represent how many Protestants, Roman Catholics, Russian Greek Christians, Jews, Mohammedans and Heathen there are in the world. Perhaps it would be well to take the largest one of these maps (not less than 3 or 4 feet in diameter), paste it on a muslin background, tack a light wooden roller at each end, and hang it up in the Sunday school room as a silent yet very effective missionary appeal. Be sure to paint the Heathen half of the globe as black as midnight, because the vast majority of these 867,000,000—*i.e.*, over 50 per cent. of the inhabitants of the whole earth—never heard of the truth as it is in Jesus and His Gospel! What a thought for the Advent season!

Ask the question, How many millions live in Europe? In Asia? In Africa? In North America? In South America? In the islands of the sea?

Then ask also, What do Mohammedans believe? Jews? Russian Greeks? Roman Catholics? Protestants?

The missionary problem of the twentieth century is how to extend the Protestant segment until it covers the entire circumference. Surely in the light of the marvelous missionary achievements of the first three centuries of the Christian era, this could be readily accomplished if we but had the same intense missionary spirit. Compare the little handful of disciples then with our mighty host of 150,000,000 now, comprising the most enlightened and powerful nations with their immense wealth and unlimited resources. Remember that then there were no open doors everywhere, no printing presses, railroads, steamships, telegraphs, institutions, etc.

Fourth Sunday in Advent. Dec. 21, 1902.

Review Lesson No. 1 on "The Bible"

Deacons and Deaconesses

(Acts 6 : 5-8 and Rom. 16 ; 1, 2)

Can no one hope to ever become a Christian minister if he is not specially fitted by his natural talents for occupying a pulpit? Is there any other kind of a ministry to which a person might devote all his life-time besides that of publicly preaching the Gospel as the pastor of a congregation? Is there a ministry of mercy, like that of the Good Samaritan, out on the public highway, as well as a ministry in the Temple? Yes, there are vast multitudes of lost and wretched souls in the slums of our great cities and elsewhere who cannot be reached by the services in the churches. These must be sought and found by such servants of

the Lord as will go to their miserable tenements and kindly take them by the hand and lead them into a new life. The poor and the sick members of our churches must also be attended to. Ministers of this kind are called "Deacons" in the New Testament. Unfortunately, the useful office was entirely lost during the long stretch of the Middle Ages, when men became lazy monks, instead of active, noble Christian deacons.

So, too, the gospel that there is such a thing as a ministry for women, as well as for men, was forgotten during these same centuries, until in 1836 Theodore Fliedner, a faithful Lutheran pastor of Germany, gave back again to Christendom these offices, which had been instituted in the age of the Apostles. (Here tell the story of Fliedner's life and labors.) From the very beginning of the Christian era it was intended that devoted women, like Phœbe, who were willing to give their entire lives to such works of mercy as the care of the poor, the sick, the friendless, the tempted, the outcast, should by all means be specially set apart and consecrated to this Christ-like ministry of loving service. What a grand thing it would be if every pastor had both a deaconess and a deacon to assist him in his work!

Which of our girls would like some day to enter a "Mother-House" of Lutheran Deaconesses and fit themselves for this high calling as Sisters of Mercy, thus to serve the Lord as long as they live? Which of our boys hope to enroll themselves in a Training School for Lutheran Deacons and thus become ministers in the same sense as those seven noble men of whom we have read in our Scripture lesson for to-day? The Church is abundantly able and willing to support such Deacons and Deaconesses, nor can she do her work without their aid.

Your pastor will gladly give you the address where to write for full information of just what you must do to fulfil this desire. How could there possibly be a higher ideal for any consecrated life?

Sunday after Christmas. Dec. 28, 1902.

The Prince of Peace

(Isa. 9 : 6, 7)

What was the first promise of the birth of a Saviour ever given to the world? Gen. 3: 14, 15. This promise of a "Woman's Seed" was given to Adam and Eve, already before they were driven out of Eden.

From the descendants of which one of Noah's three sons would the Messiah be born? Shem, the father of the nations of Asia. Gen. 9: 26.

To which one of these nations was the promise afterward narrowed down? The Jews. Gen. 18: 18. Was the same promise repeated to Isaac? Gen. 26: 4. And to Jacob? Gen. 28: 14. From which one of Jacob's twelve sons should Christ come? Gen. 49: 10. From what town in the tribe of Judah? Micah 5: 2; Matt. 2: 3-6. Is this the promised "Seed of the Woman"? Isa. 7: 14. Why was His name called Jesus? Matt. 1: 21. Was He to have any royal visitors from afar, to worship Him? Ps. 72: 10, 11; Isa. 60: 6. Where was the Child to be taken for safety? Matt. 2: 13-15. What was to become of the other babes of Bethlehem? Matt. 2: 16-18. After the return from Egypt, where was His childhood to be spent? Matt. 2: 19-23.

(Note: The following exercise for memory drill is one of exceptional value. Its use is, of course, not intended to be confined to this one lesson alone. Indeed, it would be well if some part of it could be reviewed in every lesson.) Name the Scripture titles of Jesus in their alphabetical order.

A—Anointed: Advocate.
B—Babe of Bethlehem: Bread of Life.
C—Christ: Crucified: Conqueror: Chief Corner-stone.
D—David's Son: Day-spring: Door: Deliverer.
E—Emmanuel.
F—First-Fruits of them that sleep: Full of grace and truth.
G—God over all: Good Shepherd.
H—Head of the Church: Heir of all things.
I—Infinite: "In the beginning with God."
J—Jesus: Jehovah: Judge.
K—King of Kings.
L—Lord of lords: Lion of Judah: Lamb of God: Light of the world.
M—Messiah: Master: Man of Sorrows.
N—Nazarene.
O—Only-begotten Son.
P—Prophet: Priest: Prince of Peace.
R—Redeemer: Rock of Ages.
S—Saviour: Seed of the woman: Sacrifice: Substitute.
T—The Truth.
U—The "Unknown God" (to all the myriads in the heathen world): "Unto Him all Power is given."
V—Vine.
W—The "Word" made flesh: His name shall be called "Wonderful."
X Y Z—"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

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The New Holy Trinity Church

New York City

ON Sunday, November 9, the corner stone of the Evangelical (English) Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity will be laid on the corner of Central Park West and Sixty-fifth street. In February this congregation sold its old edifice in West Twenty-first street, and the new property was purchased, covering 100 feet on Central Park West and 125 feet on Sixty-fifth street. The hight of the building from curb level to top of roof will be 96 feet; the spire built on the central part of the roof is 30 feet, which gives a total hight of 126 feet. The main building is 70 feet wide and 106 feet deep; the basement is built entirely of rock faced granite. The upper part of the church from the water table to the roof is built of limestone, and the roof is to be of slate. The style of architecture is pure Gothic. The basement is to be divided into large Sunday school rooms, Bible class rooms, also rooms for the different societies and kitchen. The main floor contains the church proper, stairs to the gallery, vestibule and robing rooms. A parsonage will be erected next to the church, on Sixty-fifth street, which is a four-story building, to be of limestone and brick.

The congregation of Holy Trinity Church is one of the largest English congregations in this city, and was organized in 1868, when the old property in West Twenty-first street was bought. The first pastor of this congregation was the Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., who faithfully served this congregation until 1896, when a call was extended to the Rev. C. Armand Miller of Salem, Va., under whose faithful and devoted leadership the congregation has prospered.

The old church, which was rented for the

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"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Reformation Festival reminds us that we have some things to be thankful for as Lutherans and Protestants. The first of these is the Pure Gospel. We owe it to Luther and the Lutheran Reformation that the Gospel is preached in its purity and simplicity to-day. Those who appreciate this blessing will never cease to thank God for the Lutheran Reformation.

The second of these is the Open Bible. How great a blessing this is, let the countless multitudes tell to whom the Bible is a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path, to whom its precious promises have brought, and are bringing, comfort, hope, joy and peace. All the countless benefits which the blessed Word of God brings to the world, the world to-day owes to the monk of Wittenberg, whose birthday we celebrate on November 10. He "unchained" the Word and gave us, under God, the open Bible.

Again, the Reformation broke the yoke of religious despotism. We can appreciate what that means only as we study the history of the days before the Reformation and learn somewhat of the awful bondage of the people under the rule of a despotic hierarchy. Comparing those times with our own we may well say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Then let us not forget that we Lutherans have a great mission in this day and land, and let us be true and brave enough to fulfill it.

Wanted, therefore, more Lutherans who love their Church ardently, to whom its faith and its services, its work and its responsibilities are more attractive than the "advertised attractions" of the churches round about. Yes, wanted more young Lutherans to whom the Lutheran faith is as dear as it was to the heroes of the Reformation.

In this Reformation season let us remember not only our mission as Lutherans, but also let us remember our Lutheran missions, Home and Foreign. It must cheer all our hearts to learn that eight Lutheran missionaries are on their way to our mission fields in India. What is your League doing for missions?

Faith of our Fathers! living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy,
Whene'er we hear that glorious word;
Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith!
We will be true to Thee till death!

Luther's grand old hymn reappears in history. At the coronation of King Edward VII the first sounds heard were the notes of the voices who sang, "Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott." And so he being dead yet speaketh. Thank God for that great hymn!

What causes for thankfulness have we as a nation, as congregations of our noble Confession, and as individual Christians. Let us have a notable Thanksgiving Day Service all over the land. Let not sport overrule praise.

Who can tell whether our Luther Leagues will not be the means of furnishing our Church with many of the coming deaconesses!

It is impossible for a Christian life to have less than three sides—faith, hope and charity; unless, like Mark Twain's tree, it has but two—the inside and the outside.

Time passes—Jesus Christ remains.

In how many ways are the humble flowers of earth useful. We cull them from their stems for the beautifying of the altar of the Lord, thence we bear them and others with them to the "shut ins," or lay them near our dead. They live for others.

One of our most important and ennobling moments is the time when we make our decision for Christ.

How many connections exist between the miner and the other members of society! Even some of our Lutheran churches were obliged to be closed on account of the poverty, distress and absence of many of the coal workers during the strike recently in Pennsylvania.

Difficulties are God's errands; and when we are sent upon them we should esteem it a proof of God's confidence.—BEECHER.

Publishers' Column.

— A Leaguer sends us $1.00 for his renewal and one new subscription to the REVIEW, and says, "It has occurred to me that if each subscriber would make it a point to get an additional subscriber the circulation of the REVIEW would be doubled. I recently visited another town on business and talked League work with a brother attorney and suggested that he take the REVIEW. No sooner said than done, and the above is the result."

— Another says: "Find herewith five subscriptions toward the REVIEW's effort to send out a Field Secretary. It will help along a little. Success to your plan and efforts to carry it out."

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— These are some of the encouragements we get in our effort to secure 10,000 new subscribers by January 1. Are you doing anything toward the consummation of that desire? We are waiting for you to speak.

— On November 15 we will issue No. 33 of the Luther League Topics, which will be the first quarterly number of the ninth year. The lessons in this number begin with Advent. Subscriptions will be taken as long as the supply lasts. The edition of the present quarter has been exhausted for several weeks. Send your orders promptly if you want to be sure of getting your supply.

— The issue of so many delightful books in our Reading Courses is creating a wider interest in the state of affairs in the Church and widening the circle of intelligent readers. Perhaps if a petition were circulated and handed in to our Church authorities or officers of the Sunday schools, says a correspondent, they would purchase all the various sets of the books of the Reading Courses for the school library.

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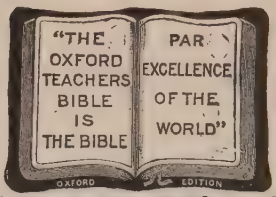

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New Holy Trinity Church

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first year from the congregation of the Dutch Reformed Church, was then purchased for $60,000, and in 1872 the parsonage adjoining the church was built on ground belonging to it, the building alone costing $17,000; in consequence the congregation carried a debt of over $30,000 for over ten years, at the end of which time it was paid off, and since then the church has been free from debt. The congregation has been able to maintain itself financially, to contribute its full share to the work of the Synod and of the General Council, and to establish a number of mission churches, one of them the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, which has become self-sustaining, while the other two, in New Rochelle, N. Y., and in Elizabeth, N. J., are still under the financial care of the mother church.

The edifice, when completed, will be one of the most imposing structures of the Lutheran Churches in this country, and represents a value of over $300,000.

The services will commence at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of November 9, and a number of prominent clergymen have been invited to take part in the religious exercises. A hearty welcome is extended to the members of the Luther League of Greater New York.

Daily Bible Readings

Nov. 24. Monday—Deuteronomy 1 : 1-8.
Tuesday—Proverbs 1 : 1-23.
Wednesday—Ezekiel 1 : 1-3.
Thursday—Luke 1 : 1-4.
Friday—Acts 1 : 1-14.
Saturday—John 1 : 1-14.

Nov. 30. I Advent—Psalm 119 : 129-144.
Monday—Exodus 20 : 1-18.
Tuesday—Joshua 1 : 1-8.
Wednesday—Nehemiah 1 : 1-11.
Thursday—Psalm 1 : 1-6.
Friday—Luke 8 : 4-15.
Saturday—Revelation 1 : 1-3.

Dec. 7. II Advent—Galatians 3 : 19-24.
Monday—Nehemiam 6 : 1-9.
Tuesday—Psalm 79 : 1-13.
Wednesday—Matthew 10 : 34-42.
Thursday—Acts 5 : 1-16.
Friday—Romans 3 : 10-31.
Saturday—Hebrews 2 : 1-12.

Dec. 14. III Advent—Revelation 14 : 6, 7.
Monday—Exodus 3 : 1-11.
Tuesday—I Samuel 3 : 1-21.
Wednesday—I Kings 19 : 9-18.
Thursday—I Chronicles 17 : 11-27.
Friday—Amos 3 : 1-15.
Saturday—Romans 16 : 1-27.

Dec. 21. IV Advent—Acts 6 : 5-8.
Monday—Genesis 49 : 8-12.
Tuesday—Isaiah 7 : 14-16.
Wednesday—Isaiah 61 : 1-11.
Christmas—Luke 2 : 1-20.
Friday—Matthew 2 : 1-23.
Saturday—Luke 2 : 20-33.

Dec. 28. S. after Christmas—Isaiah 9 : 6, 7.
Monday—Deutronomy 33 : 1-29.
Tuesday—I Kings 2 : 1-12.
Wednesday—Isaiah 52 : 1-15.
New Year—Isaiah 60 : 1-12.
Friday—Galatians 4 : 1-10.
Saturday—Matthew 28 : 16-20.

Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES

New York City

— The corner-stone of the new edifice of the Church of the Reformation, Rev. G. J. M. Ketner, pastor, was laid on Sunday, October 19.

— On September 25 was held the usual "Harvest Home" of the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School and Home for the Aged, and at the same time the new school building was dedicated. This building partially replaces the one destroyed by fire, which contained both school and chapel. The Board of Trustees decided to erect a separate building for chapel purposes. The fund for this has not yet been fully acquired.

Brooklyn

— On Tuesday evening, September 16, the ninth English Lutheran congregation was organized in that section of Brooklyn known as Ridgewood, with the Rev. C. F. Intemann as pastor. Mr. Intemann began a canvas of this locality last June, and has built up a Sunday school of 80 members with a very encouraging attendance at church services. The name of the new organization is Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Philadelphia

— The Luther Social Union of Philadelphia met in the New Century Club Building on October 13. The attendance was good. Revs. Chas. L. Fry and Edwin Heyl Delk were the speakers of the evening. The former spoke on "How to Reach the Young People," and the latter on "How to Hold Them." Both addresses were well received. These subjects were then discussed quite freely by both the clerical and lay members of the union. Mr. Wm. J. Miller was elected for the fifth time as the president of the organization. A sumptuous luncheon was served.

— Bethel Church, Rev. L. B. Hafer, pastor, has begun work on its $7000 church building. This church was organized last January. Since that time they have called a pastor, and obligated themselves to pay two-thirds of his salary, and bought a lot for $3800 upon which they are building.

— Reformation Day, which commemorates the beginning of modern Christendom, was celebrated by the Lutherans of the city on October 31. Services were held in St. John's Church, Race street, below Sixth. Rev. Dr. W. E. Parson of Washington, D. C., made the address. A chorus choir of 100 voices, under the direction of Rev. J. C. Reese, furnished the music.

— The observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary and the reopening services of the Church of the Advent, Fifth street, near Cumberland, Rev. J. F. C. Fluck, pastor, occurred October 19 to 23. There were sermons and addresses by Rev. G. F. Spieker, D.D., Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Rev. C. I. Hoffman, Rev. F. Miller, Rev. G. A. Kercher, Rev. H. B. Richards, the pastor and others. There have been made extensive repairs and decorations to the building.

Chicago

— The Lutheran Theological Seminary, in this city, opened October 1 with a largely increased attendance. By the liberal offer of an unnamed friend it is likely that the debt which has hampered this institution will soon be wiped out. He gives a dollar for every dollar that is raised up to half the debt.

— Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., professor of practical theology in the Chicago Seminary, has issued another new and valuable volume. It is called "The Lutheran Pastor." It has already been adopted as a text-book in several of our theological seminaries.

— Holy Trinity Sunday school rooms are to be redecorated. The work will be done partly as a donation by the president of the Luther League, Mr. Hans Lehne. It is to be done in time for the twentieth anniversary of the corner-stone laying of the beautiful church, which event will take place November 9 and 10.

— The corner-stone of the new chapel of St. Andrew's Church, Rev. S. M. Lutz, pastor, was laid September 7.

— The Passavant Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses, in order to meet the growing needs of its work, has decided to increase the limit of students admitted into the training school. Mrs. O. J. Waters, 192 East Superior street, Chicago, is the superintendent.

Buffalo

— The Church of the Redeemer, Rev. E. L. Sibole, pastor, is planning for the organization of a mission at 1929 Niagara street, and the Church of the Atonement, Rev. Dr. Kretchmann, Pastor, has begun similar work in South Buffalo.

Pittsburg

— The new English Lutheran Church is nearly finished. Its cost will be $90,000.

— St. Andrew's Church dedicated its beautiful new building on Sunday, September 28, with appropriate services.

Kansas City

— Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. J. M. Cromer, pastor, has purchased the building of the Second United Presbyterian Church in this city, and will take immediate possession.

Detroit

— The corner-stone of the new edifice of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah was laid September 7. This is a German-English congregation, and is served by Rev. J. G. Hildner.

Louisville

— Architects are working upon the plans for a handsome new building for the First Church, Rev. S. S. Waltz, D.D., pastor.

Dayton

— The corner-stone of the Hope English Lutheran Church, on the corner of Hickory and Perrine streets, Rev. M. L. Baum, pastor, was laid with appropriate services on Sunday afternoon, October 5. Rev. S. P. Long of Columbus and Rev. M. C. Hecht of this city were the speakers of the occasion, and several other clergymen assisted the pastor in the exercises. The church was organized by Rev. O. S. Ogelsby in 1881 with 13 members. Now it has a membership of more than 300 and a Sunday school of 335 members.

Columbus

— On Sunday, October 12, St. Matthew's congregation, on the West Side, held their last service in the old building, corner Broad street and Martin avenue, and occupied their new church, Martin avenue, south of Broad street, two weeks later. Rev. T. S. L. Johnson is the pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

—It is expected that the new building of Grace Lutheran Church, West Berwick, Pa., Rev. M. M. Albeck, pastor, will be dedicated in December. This is a mission church, organized by Rev. Albeck.

— The new church of the Swedish congregation at Warren, Pa., is to cost $13,000. The contract for the laying of the foundation has been made.

— The New York and New England Synod was organized at Utica, N. Y., last month by the English speaking brethren that withdrew from the New York Ministerium. This Synod starts out with a great deal of power and determination. Its membership is already 10,536; Sunday school scholars, 8605; teachers and officers, 825; value of church property, $803,891.67. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Rev. W. F. Bacher; sec., Rev. M. S. Waters; treas., Mr. J. F. Dinkey; archivarius, Rev. A. Steimle.

— Rev. M. J. Bieber, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y., and corresponding secretary of the Luther League of New York State, has received a call to St. Mark's Church, Boston, but his people refuse to accept his resignation.

— A special service was held Sunday afternoon, October 19, in connection with the reopening of Zion's German Lutheran Church, Rahway, N. J. The liturgical service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. O. E. Heydenreich. The Revs. C. G. Fischer and Frederick C. Krapf, both of Elizabeth, preached in German and English respectively. Improvements, costing about $800, have been made to the church building.

— Rev. Dr. J. C. Kuntzman has been elected president of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., to succeed Rev. Dr. T. B. Roth.

— Rev. S. J. McDowell, who has been the successful missionary superintendent of Pittsburgh Synod, has been appointed by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod to succeed the late Dr. Barnitz.

— Six Lutheran pastors from this country are now en route to Brazil to labor there for the Master.

— By the will of the late Mrs. Catherine B. Aultman, Canton, Ohio, Trinity Lutheran Church of that city receives a bequest of $15,000.

— It is proposed to bring Dr. Peery home from Japan on a furlough by the Synod of North Carolina under whose auspices he is working. The money is to be furnished by the Sunday schools, and these are busy this month gathering the necessary amount wherewithal to pay Dr. Peery's way home from that distant land.

— The Lutheran Church, South Sioux City, Neb., Rev. J. F. Sponseller, pastor, will be dedicated November 9.

— Rev. C. N. Swihart, Peabody, Kan., and Mr. Chas. F. Shultz of the Western Theological Seminary were ordained at the recent convention of the Nebraska Synod.

— The corner-stone of the new German Lutheran Church, Fremont, Neb., was laid on September 28.

— Rev. Chr. Sick has accepted a call to the German Lutheran Church, Sterling, Neb.

— A princely offer has been reported as made for the transfer of the Lutheran College from St. Peter to Minneapolis. One offer is of 50,000,000 feet of lumber, J. J. Hill offers to give a dollar for each three raised by the church, and will give $200,000 for that purpose.

— Hon. D. E. Thompson, candidate for the United States Senate, and lately appointed Minister to Brazil, has started a paper in Lincoln, Neb., and we are informed Rev. Luther P. Ludden is the managing editor. Mr. Ludden expects to retire from the pastorate of Grace Church, Lincoln, as soon as arrangements can be made to supply the pulpit.

— At Slater, Iowa, we have a new Lutheran Church, and this young congregation fostered by Rev. Dr. J. A. Wirt, will entertain the Iowa Synod in 1903.

— A grand union Lutheran rally is to be held Reformation Day in Sioux City, Iowa. Rev. Dr. Lenker of Trinity Seminary, Blair, will be one of the speakers.

— Rev. W. W. Hess has taken charge at Tipton, Iowa, and Rev. M. L. Tate at Newton, Iowa.

— One of the fertile valleys of the West is that of the Elkhorn River. A great artery of commerce threads this valley with steel to Casper, Wyo., and Deadwood, S. D. All along the line of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley road are thriving towns filled with German and Scandinavian Lutherans, churches are building and immigration is coming in fast, settling the country. It seems as if Providence was giving to our Church a rare opportunity in this fertile Elkhorn Valley, and the future is rich with promise.

— The First English Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Kan., was brought into existence Sunday, September 14, as the result of the faithful work of Mr. C. E. Sparks of Wittenberg Seminary during his summer vacation. The congregation has 36 charter members. The Rev. R. B. Wolf of Eureka, Kan., has been elected pastor, and it is believed he will accept.

— Rev. C. W. Maggart, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is talking about building a new church.

— A congregation of 27 members has been organized at Paxton, Neb.

— A canvass has been made of York, Neb., with a view to establishing a church.

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— Last year, when the president of the Luther League of America traveled Westward, he was astonished to overhear a minister say, "The League is dying out, and its influence is waning." This year one of our papers has spoken in almost the same vein. With both speakers the wish seemed father of the thought, but had these two men accompanied the president on his Westward trips last year and this they would have been satisfied that their conclusions were incorrect. Notes from the attendants at the National Convention, as published in the REVIEW, show the feeling about that meeting, and its influence upon the delegates and persons present, as well as upon the whole Church. But it may not be amiss for the president at this time to speak of what he heard and saw by the way to and from St. Paul. One Sunday was spent in Mansfield, Ohio, where he was welcomed by the League of St. Luke's Church, Rev. Dr. O. D. Baltzly, pastor, and on the evening of that day was privileged to speak in the church of which Rev. Dr. H. L. Wiles, recently deceased, was pastor, to the young people of the two English Lutheran and the one German Lutheran congregations in that city. Warm as was the weather the attendance was good and much interest manifested. On another Sunday he spoke in the First Lutheran Church of Springfield, Ohio, Rev. M. J. Firey, D.D., pastor, to the young people of the six Lutheran churches of that city, where the one thought seemed to be the desire for united work for our Church. And a bright event on the trip Westward was the meeting in Milwaukee in the church of Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick, which was attended by the Leagues of the two English churches of that city and a large delegation from Racine, a city 20 miles distant, led by the pastor of the church. In the audience five nationalities were represented. The Luther League colors adorned the church, and when the pastor was asked after the meeting whether they should be removed before Sunday, he said: "No, I propose to speak upon the men whose names appear among the decorations, as well as the League symbol." Truly it requires only a meeting with the young people

of our Church to convince one of their readiness to do, if properly told what to do. The failure in our Church to come up to the measure of its ability is due much to the failure to lead. "The Luther League Topics," the "Reading Course," "The Luther League Review," the interested pastors, are bringing in new light and opening the way for the young people to work. We of the East do not realize the possibilities of the West, or the readiness of the people of that section to work, and if we of the East had some of the warmth of the West we would be stirred up to do much more work for the Master here where He has given our Church so much to do.

NEW YORK STATE

New York City

— An illustrated report of the recent convention of the Luther League of America was given the Leaguers of this city on Friday evening, October 24, at Gustavus Adolphus' Church, 151 East Twenty-second street. The meeting was arranged by the Leagues of Manhattan and the Bronx, and the Brooklyn Leaguers were present by invitation. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. I. S. Runyon, president of the New York City League, who also spoke a few words of greeting to the visiting delegation. President George P. Moller of the Brooklyn League made a brief response in which he referred to the growth among young people of the consciousness that the Lutheran is an American and not a foreign church. Then was introduced the lecture, delivered by Mr. E. F. Eilert, editor of the REVIEW, and illustrated by stereopticon views from photographs taken by four of the delegates to the convention from New York Leagues. There were included pictures of the speakers, groups of delegates, churches, educational institutions, State and other public buildings, parks and various points of interest, and panoramic views of the Twin Cities and their surroundings. These were suitably arranged with a very carefully prepared report of the convention sessions, giving characteristic excerpts from many of the addresses, and interesting descriptions of the views presented. The result was a vivid, pleasing and permanent impression of the subject. Several of the Leagues in the city have decided to have the lecture repeated at their own rooms in order to give all their members an opportunity to hear it. The Luther Day celebration will be held in Gustavus Adolphus' Church the evening of November 10. Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk of Philadelphia will speak on "Luther at Home," and Rev. Emil Roth of Brooklyn on "Luther, the Musician,"

— The annual election of officers of Holy Trinity Luther League was held on Wednesday evening, October 8, and resulted as follows: Pres., Mr. George A. Kuhirt; vice-pres., Mr. William Gaskell; rec. sec., Mr. W. G. Manck; cor. sec., Miss L. Ehlen, 327 West Fifty-first street; treas., Miss A. Seimer.

— A Luther League has recently been organized in the Church of the Redeemer, Yonkers, Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor. It starts out with 20 active members. Mr. William W. Horton is the president and Miss Lena Tiesmeyer, secretary, of the new organization. Arrangements are being made to give the illustrated lecture on St. Paul and the National Convention in Yonkers in the near future. The League hopes to raise enough money through voluntary contributions during the year to purchase an organ for the church.

Brooklyn

— Reformation Day was fitly celebrated by a well attended meeting in St. Paul's Church, South Fifth and Rodney streets, Rev. Hugo W. Hoffmann., D.D., pastor. The meeting was conducted by the Luther League of Brooklyn, and addressed by Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., pastor, of St. Mark's Church, Manhattan, and Mr. I. S. Runyon, president of the New York City League.

Rhinebeck District

— The twenty-fifth convention of the District Luther League was held in St. Paul's Church of West Camp, Ooctober 21, 1902, Rev. A. S. Hain, pastor. Rev. Scott of Sullivan County read Scripture lesson, and led the convention in prayer. Greetings were received from Mr. Herbert Finger of West Camp, and responded to by President Reynolds of Valatie. Paper on "Stumbling Blocks in the Way," by Mrs. Geo. Anderson of Hudson, and an address, "The Allegorical Figures of the Lutheran Monument at Worms," was delivered by Rev. Christian Krahmer of Saugerties; both of these were very instructive and interesting. The graphic description of the National Convention by Rev. U. H. Graves of Valatie was fine. Following this two ladies rendered a duet. At the evening session an address was delivered on "A Luther League's Personality," by Rev. H. D. Hayes of Chatham, which was inspiring. Rev. Graves then spoke very earnestly in behalf of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, urging the members of the Leagues to subscribe, when 25 names were secured as new subscribers. The offering was taken, then all joined in singing the Luther League Rally Hymn. A prayer by the Rev. A. S. Hain closed the twenty-fifth convention of Rhinebeck District.

— The Luther Leagues of the churches of Saugerties and Rondout will hold a joint rally at the latter place on the 18th. The speakers will be Revs. Christian Krahmer of Saugerties, and U. H. Graves of Valatie, and Mr. James M. Reynolds, president of the Rhinebeck District.

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— The Luther League of St. John's Church, Hudson, at its last meeting re-elected its officers. Several new members have been added during the year, and $121 have been contributed. The pastor, Rev. Paul W. Koller, Miss Elizabeth Reif, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Wm. Snyder and Miss Mary Potts represented the League at the district convention at West Camp, October 21.

Albany and Vicinity

— The annual convention of the Luther League of the Albany District was held in the Engish Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, North Troy, Rev. Noah E. Yeiser, pastor, on October 21. A well prepared order of exercises was carried out, including morning, afternoon and evening sessions. The address of welcome was given by Miss Sara Elseffer, president of the Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, to which Mr. A. A. Coney, president of the District League, responded. The full chorus sang the hymn, "A Mighty Stronghold is Our God." The enrollment of delegates showed 99 registered members in attendance, a large number for the first session of the day. Business occupied the next period, and Rev. John J. Dominic of Gloversville gave an address on "Two Is More Than Twice One," which was witty, forceful and profitable. The first address of the afternoon was given by Mr. Geo. D. Boschen, president of the Luther League of the State, on the subject, "Hold Fast." Much satisfaction was evinced at Mr. Boschen's presence, and the spirit of loyalty to his administration was shown by the convention in adopting his suggestion for rearranging district boundary lines. Rev. W. M. Baum, Jr., of Canajoharie gave an address on the subject, "Our Young People," showing in an impressive manner what they have done and what they can do. Rev. A. E. Schmitthenner of Canajoharie followed with a speech on "The Beauty of Our Lutheran Church," setting forth the attractiveness of her distinguishing doctrines. The evening session was begun with the opening service of the church conducted by the pastor. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk of Philadelphia on the subject, "If Luther Should Come to America." The large audience gave very close attention to the speaker as he presented his thought in his usual forcible and earnest style. The singing at this convention by the chorus, conducted by Rev. W. F. Barnett of Melrose, was a special feature. The chorus rendered "A Mighty Stronghold Is Our God," "We March to Victory" and "The Festival Hymn," by Dudley Buck, in a very excellent manner. The choir of the church sang "I Will Call Upon the Lord." Miss Cora Miller gave a contralto solo, entitled "Face to Face," and Mrs. W. B. Kirkindall a soprano solo, "O Shining Light." Rev. W. F. Barnett and Mr. Calvin Dater sang a duet. All the music was very pleasing. The business of the convention was conducted with dispatch and in good spirit. A telegram was received from Mr. James M. Reynolds conveying the greetings of the convention of the Rhinebeck District Luther League, then also in session at West Camp on the Hudson River, to which our convention responded. A resolution was adopted urging all our Leaguers and societies to form a club of subscribers to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. The attendance at this convention by out of town delegates was unusually large. Twenty-four Leagues or societies were represented from 20 different places. The officers of the District League are deeply indebted to Rev. Mr. Yeiser, the pastor of the church, for his special work in planning for the convention and doing so much to make all the sessions pleasant and successful.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Troy, Rev. N. E. Yeiser, pastor, numbers 55 members, and is in a very prosperous condition. There is also a Junior League of 36 members, who are all active and enthusiastic workers.

— The Lutheran rally in connection with the New York State Christian Endeavor Convention, was held in the First Lutheran Church, Troy, Rev. Horace M. Oberholtzer, pastor, on Wednesday afternoon, October 29. The topics and speakers were as follows: "Young Lutherans and Education," Rev. B. E. Fake, D.D., Hartwick Seminary; "The Ideal Society and the Home Work," Rev. C. E. Harsh, St. Johnsville; "Our Young People and the Pastor," Rev. C. W. Heisler, D.D., Albany; "Temperance Amendment," Rev. H. W. Tope, D.D., Albany; "Our Society's Aim," Rev. G. B. Hiller, Athens.

Delaware and Hudson District

— The fourth annual convention of the Luther League of the Delaware and Hudson District was held in Bethany Lutheran Church at Central Bridge, Rev. E. L. Tucker, pastor, on Monday and Tuesday, November 3 and 4. Full report next month.

Buffalo District

— Reformation Day was observed by Buffalo Lutherans, Thursday evening, October 30, in St. John's Church, Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, pastor, the services being under the auspices of the Luther League. The speakers were Pastor Kirsch of St. John's Church, and Dr. John A. W. Haas of New York. Their subjects were "Der Romanismus und Seine Gefahren" and "The Freedom of the Gospel," respectively, and were treated in an able and inspiring manner. Suitable music well sung was a feature of the occasion.

— The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, held a social at the home of Mrs. Liemberner, 888 Main street, October 6, at which about 125 were present. Supper was served and a delightful evening was spent. The first literary meeting of the season will be held at the home of Mrs. Schmiedendorf, 335 Doat street, at an early date.

Meeting of the American Bankers' Association, New Orleans

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New England

— It is stated that several thousand attended the union meeting of the Young People's Societies of the Hartford District of the New York Swedish Conference, held at Beardsley Park, near Bridgeport, Conn., on September 1.

— The Young People's Society of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Gardner, Mass., has donated a pulpit to the new church.

NEW JERSEY

— The seventh annual convention of the Luther League of New Jersey was held on Election Day, November 4, in the Church of the Atonement, Asbury Park, the Rev. Geo. A. Genzmer, pastor. The evening session will be given over to the topic, "Work of the Luther League." Rev. Geo. A. Genzmer of Asbury Park spoke on the subject, "Work for the Church," Rev. J. E. Heindel of Greenville on "Work in the Society," Mr. Emil Fischer of Elizabeth on "Individual Work." A detailed report will be published next month.

— The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, celebrated its fourth anniversary on October 16 and 17. The service on the 16th was of a religious nature, held in the chapel. An appropriate programme was followed. The meeting of the 17th was held at the home of the pastor, and was of a social nature. The officers for the coming year was: Pres., George Piehler; vice-pres., Carl M. Hamilton; rec. sec., Miss Mayme Burkeman; fin. sec., Miss Millie Kaimer; treas., Oliver Mader; organist, Miss Mary Martin.

— The Young People's Association of St. Paul's Church, Jersey City, Rev. F. Holter, pastor, contributed $300 toward repainting the church building.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Central

— The twenty-ninth meeting of the Philadelphia Central Luther League was held in St. Matthew's Church, on Tuesday evening, September 23. An open parliament on questions submitted by local Leagues had been arranged for, but as Dr. Harpster was present it was decided to defer the first part of the programme and listen to a farewell message from our missionary. It is a pleasure to Dr. Harpster to have been in this great League movement in this country. He is proud to wear its emblem. He said our spirituality will not increase if we will not obey the command, "Go ye into all the world." He spoke of the good work undertaken by the Buffalo League—the support of a missionary to India. Might not the Philadelphia Central follow their example? Announcement was made of the Pennsylvania State Convention to be held in Lewistown on October 30 and 31. Five delegates were elected to attend this convention. The "open parliament" stirred up the liveliest interest on every hand, and called forth many pointed questions. An item of interest in the report of the Executive Committee was the mention of the conjoint festival of the Reformation to be held in St. John's Church on October 31. As this was the annual meeting, the following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Pres., Dr. E. E. Johnson; rec. sec., Mr. W. D. Henkel; sta. sec., Rev. W. L. Stough; treas., Rev. E. R. Cassaday. Seventeen Leagues were represented at this meeting.

Reading Central

— A Junior Luther League is contemplated in the First Lutheran Church, Annville, Rev. E. H. Gerhart, pastor.

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Northwestern Central

— The regular semiannual convention of the Northeastern Central Luther League will be held in Zion Lutheran Church, Scranton, Rev. A. O. Gallenkamp, pastor, Friday, November 7. Papers will be read on the following topics: "Our Conventions—Their Use and Abuse," "Inner Mission Work," "Lutheran Heroes of the Reformation" and the "Pre-Reformation Drama." In the evening Rev. J. F. Beates will address the convention on the subject of "Mormonism," and Rev. Geo. E. A. Reschke will make an address in German.

P. Walter Banker, president.

— At the regular monthly meeting of the Luther League of Christ Church, Wilkes-Barre, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. John H. Musselman, pres.; Mr. P. Walter Banker, vice-pres.; Miss Lillian Lohman, sec.; Miss Florence Reese, treas. The report of the Auditing Committee showed the League to have a membership of 73, a gain of five members since last year, six members having been dropped from the roll during the year.

Lancaster Central

— The eighth annual convention of the Central Luther League of Lancaster County was held on Thursday, October 2, in Zion's Church, Leacock, Rev. C. D. Clauss, pastor. Delegates were in attendance from all sections of the county, and the attendance at the evening session was especially large. Much interest was manifested in all the exercises, and the special music rendered by the local church choir was one of the enjoyable features of the programme. The first session was called to order at ten o'clock by the president, F. P. D. Miller of Columbia, and the devotional exercises were led by Rev. Dr. J. W. Haller of Lancaster. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Clauss, who selected for his topic, "The Benefits We Hope to Derive From This Convention." The response was made by Rev. E. Meister, whose topic was "The Good Things Promised." The first business session embraced the filing of credentials, roll call, reading of the minutes of the last session and the presentation of reports. The first formal address was delivered by Rev. C. F. Kuder of Marietta on the topic, "The League's Part in the Development of Liberality in the Congregation." The discussion of the subject was led by William M. Mearig. At the noon hour a luncheon was served the delegates in the lecture room of the church. The afternoon devotional service, at the resumption of the session, was conducted by Rev. D. A. Roth. Rev. Dr. C. E. Haupt of Lancaster delivered a most interesting address on "Echoes of the National Convention." Rev. Gomer B. Matthews of Lancaster delivered an admirable address on "Has the League a Mission in the Church; If So, What Is It?" At the conclusion of the address the old officers were re-elected, as follows: Pres., F. P. D. Miller, Columbia; vice-pres., Prof. George M. Hambright, Lancaster; rec. sec., Miss Katharine Smith, Columbia; cor. sec., John Mueller, Marietta; treas., W. H. Heinitsh, Lancaster. The Round Table Conference was led by the president, F. P. D. Miller, his topic being "The Essentials of a Successful League." At the conclusion of the afternoon session supper was served the delegates in the lecture room. The altar service, opening the evening session, was led by Rev. E. L. Wessinger. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Dr. C. S. Albert of Philadelphia before a large congregation. Dr. Albert, who is well known, was listened to with a great deal of interest. The closing exercises were led by Rev. A. Steinhauser.

Pit sburgh Central

— The twenty-first convention of the Central Association of Lutheran Young People's Societies of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and vicinity will be held in the First English Lutheran Church, Grant street, Pittsburgh, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., pastor, on Tuesday, November 11. There will be two sessions, at 2 p. m. and at 8 p. m. All societies connected with Lutheran churches are invited to send two delegates and as many visitors as possible.

— The Junior Luther League of St. John's Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Rev. W. H. Fehr, pastor, was organized on Sunday, September 28, with about 35 members. The officers elected were: Miss Iolontha Kleber, pres.; Geo. Yackel, vice-pres.; Miss Magdalene Lingenfelser, sec.; Walter Magel, treas., and John Davis, librarian.

— Through the death of Miss Emma L. Vogel on October 14, the Junior Luther League of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allegheny, the Rev. G. I. Lenker, pastor, has, for a second time in its history, lost a beloved and efficient superintendent; the Senior League, an officer; and both Leagues, the Sunday school and the congregation an earnest member and worker. Miss Vogel was one of the charter members of the Junior League, which was organized October 22, 1897, and for several years served as its organist. Last January she was elected an assistant superintendent of the League, which position she held at the time of her death. Possessing musical ability, her services, which she freely gave, were constantly in demand. Her whole life, though short, was spent in the service of the Master and His Church and her beautiful Christian character was a living testimony to the truth which she loved.

— At the last meeting of the Parish and Mission Society of the First English Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Student Gustav G. Swensson, who had just returned from Porto Rico, was present and gave an interesting talk about the mission work in San Juan and Catano.

Northwestern Central

— The young people of St. Peter's Church, Evans City, Rev. C. J. Streich, pastor, are planning the organization of a Luther League.

— The Young People's Society of the Swedish Church at Erie has recently added a number of standard books to its library.

Somerset County Central

— The Young People's Society of the Lutheran Church at Friedens has assumed the support of three native evangelists in the India mission.

OHIO

— The Luther Leagues of St. Stephen's, Martin Luther, Grace and St. Matthew's churches, Toledo, held a rally at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday evening, October 5. An address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Julius Dehm. An address on "What Can the Luther League Do For the Newly Confirmed?" was delivered by Rev. Gustav Schmogrow, and the question, "Shall We Organize a Central League?" was discussed by Rev. J. S. Herold.

— One of the sessions of the rededication exercises of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Marion, was under the auspices of the Luther League. The reconsecration occurred on September 28.

— Rev. C. A. Hachenberg, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Troy, is to reorganize his Christian Endeavor Society as a Luther League.

The Junior League

[For This Department Address Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.]

Topic for Sunday, November 2. Our Polyglot Problem. Acts 2: 7-12.

November 9. Providences Preparing for Reformation. Acts 17: 22-28.

November 16. Lutheranism in America. Micah 4: 1-9.

November 23. Thanksgiving. Ps. 105: 1-6.

November 30. Beginning of a New Church Year.

Dates

It was during the sixth day of November, 1632, that the great hearted pious "snow-king," the commander-in-chief of the armies of Protestant Germany, Gustavus Adolphus, of Sweden, fell in battle at Luetzen during a vigorous attack, thus making the battle a dearly won victory.

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Every Junior Leaguer may raise the query, "What can I do for those around me?" We answer that self denial is a most precious and important duty, and often by some sacrifice on our part many others will be greatly blessed. We may make much more of our League by bringing in others, and making it the place for the spiritual education of many, and creating by it a love for the Church, and for those who are interested in the work of Christ everywhere.

The Junior League is a good place to become acquainted with the orphans, the heathen, and the needy ones of our Church.

One of the delightful features of our League work is that by it the pastor may keep himself in touch with the children, and they may learn to know and love him.

ILLINOIS

— The Luther League of St. Matthew's Church, Chicago, Rev. George P. Kabele, pastor, has donated some lesson helps to the Sunday school. The League was organized 18 months ago, and now has a membership of 31.

— The Young People's societies of the Swedish Lutheran churches at Geneseo, Cambridge, Orion, Swedona, Ophiem, New Windsor and Andover met on September 20 at Andover and organized a district Luther League. Addresses were delivered by Rev. P. A. Edquist, Rev. J. T. Kraft, Dr. J. P. Brodine, Miss Selma Erickson and Miss Etta Setterdahl. The attendance was large and the enthusiasm great. The next meeting of the new organization will be held at the beginning of the year.

— Rev. E. P. Olsson, D.D., is about to organize a Luther League in his church at Paxton.

— The Luther League of the College Church at Salem, Va., conducted Reformation Day services on October 30, including addresses by Prof. W. F. Morehead and Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D.D., both of Roanoke College, and the pastor, Rev. Chas. K. Bell. The necessity, rise, progress and results of the Lutheran Reformation were discussed.

IOWA

— A Luther League is planned in the Lutheran Church at Forest City.

NEBRASKA

— There are seven Luther Leagues in as many churches of the Augustinian Synod in Nebraska.

WYOMING

— Rev. H. P. Hansen, Laramie, Wyo., has a flourishing Luther League in his church, which is very active in good works.

CALIFORNIA

— The Young People's Society of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Oakland has presented the church with a pipe organ, which was consecrated September 20.